

2017 Swan Days Festival

Saturday, December 9, 9:00am - 3:00pm Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge 85 Mattamuskeet Rd., Swanquarter, NC 27885

Guided bird tours. Reservations begin on November 20 at 8:00am —<u>no early reservations</u> and seats fill quickly, so be patient and persistent in calling.

Photography workshop (free), with Matthew Molt and Allen Phelps, noted outdoor photographers. Limited to 20 participants; reservations required. Workshop starts at 6:30AM at the Charles Kuralt Trail observation platform on NC Hwy 94 to photograph the sunrise over the lake. Participants will then move on to photograph wildlife and finish with a debrief at the conference center in the refuge headquarters building. For reservations, visit Matthew Molt's facebook page.

9:00am - 3:00pm adjacent to old Mattamuskeet Lodge:

- Caravan bird tour (drive your vehicle). Meet at the refuge headquarters at 10:00am.
- CCC Company 424 living history exhibit and presentation.
- Lewis Forrest of the Mattamuskeet Foundation will speak on the history of the lake.
- Live Raptor demonstrations by Steven Hoddy of EarthQuest.
- Lunch with Mattamuskeet hunting guides from the "Good Old Days."
- Chase Luker decoy carving workshop, (Limited to 10 people; reservations required.)
- Marco Gibbs presentation on small game trapping in Hyde County.
- Kids Activities: Wildlife Olympics, arts and crafts.
- Mattamuskeet Refuge equipment displays.
- NC Estuarium exhibit and hands-on demonstrations.
- Sylvan Heights Bird Park exhibit.
- Food, arts, and crafts by local vendors

For more information: www.swandays.com or call 252-926-4021. Keep up with developments at <www.swandays.com> and on our Facebook page.